

State of Texas }
County of Victoria } Know all men by these presents
That I Thomas Sterne have this day constituted
and appointed and by these presents do constitute
and appoint O. M. Staff my true and lawful at-
=torney for me and in my name or for and in
the name of my wife Mary E. Sterne, to demand
receive, and receipt for any and all sums of
money due from the State of Texas to the said
Mary E. Sterne, as heir at Law, of Thos. S. Jones
deceased, for and on account of services ren-
=dered and losses sustained by him on the
Nile's expedition, and also for me and in
my name, or for and in the names of James
S. Jones - Nancy S. Lukins - Richard W. Jones and
Rebecca Jane Jones - and for whom I am the
legally constituted attorney, with power of substi-
=tution, to demand receive and receipt for
~~and~~ all sums of money due and owing from
the State of Texas to the said above named
persons as heirs at Law of Thomas S. Jones
deceased, for and on account of services ren-
=dered and losses sustained on the Nile's expe-
=dition - and I hereby ratify and conform all
the acts of said attorney legally done in the
premises - Witness my hand and seal
this 13th day of March A. D. 1852.

Thos. Sterne

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